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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 have been canceled, and claims 26-31 have been added to more clearly and positively recite the features of the image file storing and outputting system of the present invention.

It should be understood that in the new claims, "raw image data" refers to data that has not been converted by the resolving power conversion apparatus. That is, "raw image data" does not necessary refer to image data on which no image processing has been performed, but instead merely refers to the image data before conversion by the resolving power conversion apparatus.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that USP 6,934,409 ("Ohara") does not disclose, teach or suggest the features of the present invention recited in new independent claim 26, or claims 27-31 depending therefrom.

With the structure of the present invention recited in independent claim 26, the supplemental information is made standard at the time of conversion of the image data, and therefore the number of times that size conversion is performed

can be suppressed, so as to reduce deterioration of the image data. See page 30, lines 7-19 in the specification.

It is respectfully submitted that, while Ohara discloses image storing means 605 in Fig. 16, Ohara does not disclose storing image data as recited in claim 26, and it is respectfully submitted that Ohara does not disclose, teach or suggest using "raw image data" that is not subjected to size conversion every time that image data is outputted from an image storing apparatus.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 26, and claims 27-31 depending therefrom, clearly patentably distinguishes over Ohara, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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